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September 20 39.

American Consul General,
Shanghai.

Sir,

I have the honour to acknowledge
receipt of your letter dated August 21, 1939,
and in reply to forward herewith for your
information a copy of police report concerning
one Dominic Fontana.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

S. K. M. Bourne.

Commissioner of Police.

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for

SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE.

SHANGHAI File No. S. G. REGISTRY

S.I., Special Branch No. 823 Station 45

REPORT

Date September 20 1939

Subject. Dominic Fontana.

Made by. D.F.S. Killingbeck

Forwarded by. R. W. Mac Gowan

With reference to the attached letter from the American Consulate-General, requesting particulars of an Italian Subject Dominic FONTANA, there is no record of this person on file at Police Headquarters.

Enquiries reveal that Fontana, who is a married man with three children, resided in Shanghai from 1925 until 1932, during which time he conducted an export and import business.

Nothing is known to the detriment of his character and he has been described as being reliable and straightforward. He was registered at the Italian Consulate-General in Shanghai.

Father E. FONTANA, brother of Dominic Fontana, has been the subject of Police enquiries on various occasions in the past and is known as a very shady character. He is an associate of Jose LIZARRAGA, a well known local criminal, and has financed many of Lizarraga's nefarious enterprises, later sharing in any profits accrued.

Lizarraga and Father Fontana amassed a considerable amount of money by removing quantities of cargo from north of the Soochow Creek during the local Sino-Japanese hostilities, Lizarraga having obtained passes from the Japanese military authorities allowing him to engage in this business.

Dr. G. COSTANTINI, is an attorney-at-law, with offices at 25 Rue Chu Pao San. He has no criminal record, but is generally regarded as a

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very doubtful character.

There is no evidence to show that Dominic FONTANA has ever been connected with either his brother Father Ernest Fontana, or Dr. Costantini, and there is no reason to suspect that Dominic Fontana is not a law-abiding citizen.

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FILE NO. 811.11-Fontana, D.
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AMERICAN CONSULATE GENERAL

Shanghai, China, August 21, 1939.

Subject: Activities of Dominic Fontana.

Major E. L. Bourne, M.C.,
Commissioner of Police,
Shanghai Municipal Council,
Shanghai.

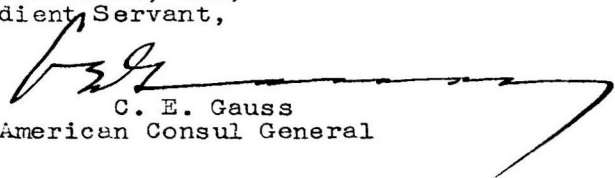
Sir:

I have the honor to request all the information which you may suitably furnish me, regarding the activities of Mr. Dominic Fontana, an Italian subject, who formerly resided at 764 Rue Bourgeat, Shanghai. It is reported that Mr. Fontana resided in this city from 1925 to 1932, that during that period he conducted his own business dealing in pachak, that his brother, Father Ernest Fontana, is a director of the Silesian Mission here in Shanghai, and that he is on friendly terms with a Dr. Constantini of 25 Rue Chiposan.

Mr. Fontana is now in Hongkong where he has recently been dealing in scrap iron.

Your assistance in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

I have the honor to be, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,


C. E. Gauss
American Consul General

